GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4797
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INDO-BANGLADESH LAND BOUNDARY AGREEMENT
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ratification of the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974, as per prescribed procedures is essential before effecting the exchange of the Indian enclaves in Bangladesh territory and Bangladesh enclave in Indian territory;

(b) if so, since when this ratification work is pending with the concerned Agencies of Central and State Governments and the names of these Agencies; and

(c) the progress made in this regard, so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) As per procedural requirement, the demarcation of the Indo-Bangladesh boundary has to be completed before ratification of the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement of 1974.In order to address all issues relating to demarcation of pending portions of the Indo-Bangladesh boundary, the Governments of India and Bangladesh have set up a Joint Boundary Working Group.The Joint Boundary Working Group has held two meetings so far.